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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NON- AVAILABILITY OF BLOOD PLATELETS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who died due to non-availability of platelets in hospitals and blood banks in Delhi during the last one year; and

(b) the steps taken to make available platelets in sufficient quantity in hospitals and blood banks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) There are no reported deaths due to non-availability of Platelets in Hospitals and Blood Banks in Delhi during last one year.

(b) Presently in Delhi, there are 53 licensed blood banks, out of which 34 blood banks are having facilities of Blood Component Separation, where 'Platelet Concentrate' is prepared. Of these, 6 Blood Component Separation Units in public and voluntary sector are supported by NACO in Delhi. During the last one year 77,842 blood units have been processed for 'Platelet Concentrate' in these six Blood Component Separation Units in Delhi. There is no reported shortage of 'Platelet Concentrate' in any blood bank in Delhi.